



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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### Head's Lines



**W**e are nearing the end of our first joint exam week with both A-levels and GCSEs a-plenty and our students continue to impress with the mature way they are approaching the external examinations. I would like to thank our team of external invigilators, led by Mrs J Wallace,

Exams Officer, for the work they are doing to ensure that everything goes as smoothly as possible.

At the other end of the school site to the exam hall, you will see below that work in Laboratory 15 is cracking on and the contractors are working fast to put our design in place. Gone is the dark, dingy space and already the light, airy and bright laboratory is starting to shine through.

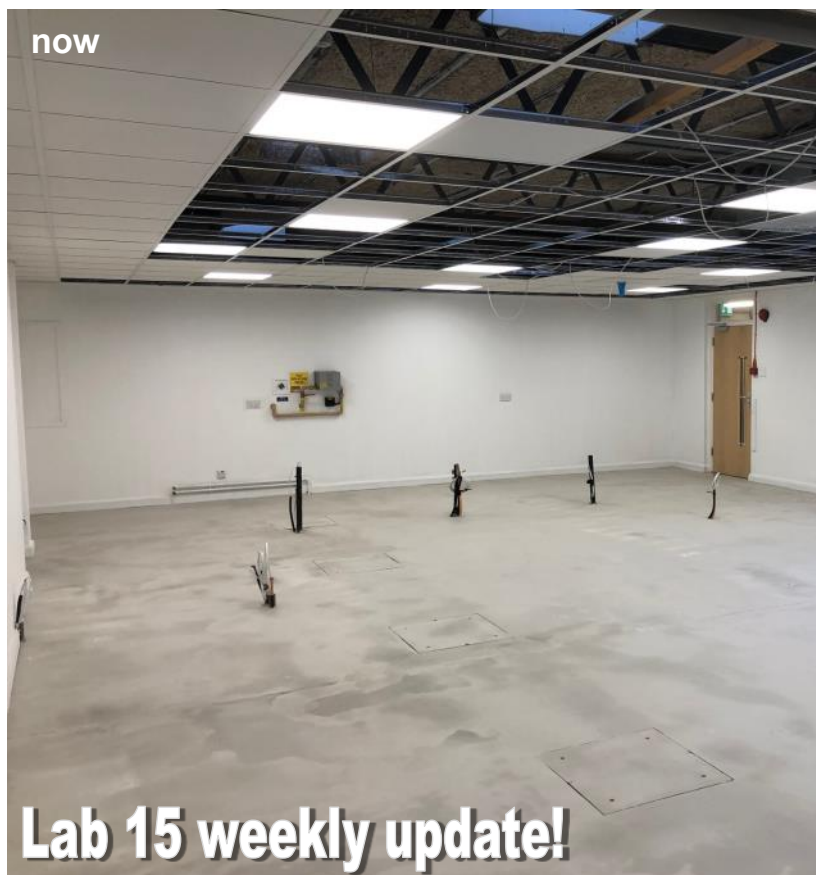
Our library has also been transformed into an A-level Art Exhibition. This annual event affords the external moderator the opportunity to visit to verify the assessment of the girls' work, but also family members and the wider public the

chance to see the exceptionally high standard of work. Last year our Art results were some of the most successful in the school and the class of 2019 have not failed to disappoint either. Well done to them.

Plans for the Centenary Open Event on Saturday 29 June are coming together and we will have a mix of classroom activities (some with a Victorian theme) as well as a range of stalls and 'summer fair' like attractions. The PTA and Catering Academy will be providing a Victorian Tea Room and more modern snacks respectively and there will be plenty of opportunities for prospective parents to look round the school and ask questions. The event is also for parents and families of current students and we look forward to welcoming a number of former students (of a wide range of ages) to re-visit the School. If you know someone who might be interested, please do tell them about the event, which is running from 10am-2pm.

With best wishes for the weekend,

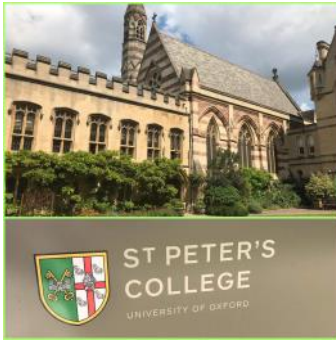
**Mr M J Scott**



The clear out is now over in Room 15, our new science laboratory. The new ceiling is almost in and the floor, air control and other services have been installed.



**Lab 15 weekly update!**



# Appreciating the linguistic wonders of Oxford

Recently a group of Year 8s travelled to the Oxford to discover more about studying languages at university.

Student cities are cycling cities and Oxford is no less. Upon arrival, we were greeted by an abundance in cycles scattered throughout the streets and even witnessed a woman cycling in heels! After dismounting from the minibus, we were taken into St. Peter's College and were immediately twitterpated by the handsome, palatial design of the buildings. The day began with a small talk by one of the faculty members in a room lined with tapestries from Himachal Pradesh, India. Dan (the person leading the talk) elucidated the wide range of opportunities available as well as an overview of the university itself, including accommodation, libraries, the different departments and even food.

The first activity commenced by another staff member introducing us to the university's website, 'Oxplore' and the trending, gut-reaction questions on the first page. After making your initial decision, the website proceeds to show information regarding the topic as well as arguments for and against. Our aim was to complete a sheet with opposing and supporting points for our given question in teams. As a further challenge, we were asked to create our own questions which evoke thoughts, reactions and immediately trigger a gut-reaction.

When it was time for lunch, we headed out of St. Peter's College into the bustling streets of Oxford for a short walk to Balliol College. The College showed the beautiful architecture that Oxford is famous for, with its tall buildings and pristine lawn which were displayed at their best in the warm weather and shining sun. At the centre of students studying on the grass was a set of steps leading to the Dining Hall, resembling the Great Hall straight out of Hogwarts. With four long tables and a high ceiling it really was a world away from the busy streets we had witnessed just a short while ago. The food itself was delicious with Madame Furnival even describing her fruit dessert as 'the bomb'!

After lunch, we filed out of the Dining Hall and proceeded on a short tour of the college, with the first thing we were shown being the undergraduate common room. It was light and modern with chairs and sofas, a small kitchen area and a plethora of posters promoting charity events or extracurricular activities. Seeing where students would relax or socialise allowed us to

envisage what it would be like to be a student at Oxford perhaps more than anything else. After a short visit to the Chapel with its majestic stained glass windows, we were led back to St. Peter's for a talk about modern language and poetry. The talk showed insight into what 'modern' really means and the things that are considered to be modern. Finishing with the stages of literature and how it has shaped poetry today, the presentation offered an insight into what studying at Oxford would be like.

We are so glad that we had the opportunity of going on this trip because not only did it allow us to learn about Oxford University, it allowed us to see what life would be like if we were to go there (or another university) in the future. Thank you to all the teachers who made this trip possible!

**Shaivi and Lucy (Year 8)**



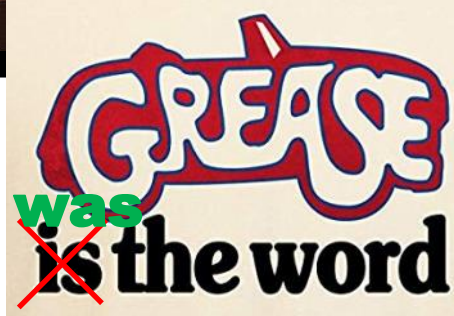




On 23rd May, a group of 45 students and 4 staff from NGHS travelled to Northwich to watch a production of the hit musical 'Grease', musically directed by our very own Headteacher, Mr Scott.

It was an extremely enjoyable evening for everyone who went and was an amazing experience. The show was fun throughout and a highlight for me was definitely watching Mr Tolley join in with some of the dancing as well as being able to meet the cast afterwards.

I think I speak for everyone when I say that it was a great night out with fantastic entertainment. We would like to thank the staff who gave up their evening to come with us (Miss Clarke, Mrs Goodall, Mr Postle and Mr Tolley) and also Mr Scott for such a unique opportunity.



**S Hose, Year 9**

## Forthcoming Dates...

Date	Event	Year(s)
Wed 12th	German Exchange students arrive	Y10
Wed 19th	Taming of the Shrew at RSC 4pm departure	Y12
Thu 20th	UCAS Parents Information Evening	Y12 Parents
Fri 21st	House Dance Competition	All

# GET YOUR LOCKERS TODAY!

Please book your daughter's locker using [this link](#) as they are now bookable for September 2019.



## ADVANCED NOTICE

There will be no Adams buses on the **afternoon** of Wednesday 17 July as HA have Sports Day at Oakengates Stadium.